

GNFAC Avalanche Advisory for Tue Oct 13, 2015

Welcome to another season of avalanche information!

The GNFAC is proud to announce this year is our 26th year of operation!

Fall is a beautiful season in Montana. Changing colors, frosty mornings and snow dusted peaks are noticeable clues that winter is just around the corner. As we scramble to get in the last summer activities of the season, it's important to look forward to the winter ahead. Since fall is a notorious time for delivering strong winter storms, now is a great time to start getting prepared.

Changing the batteries in your transceiver is always a good idea. Batteries can wear out over the summer and corrosion can build up in the battery case. Making sure both the batteries and connection are fresh and clean is necessary to ensure your transceiver is working properly. Other pieces of equipment to check before heading into the backcountry include your shovel and probe. It's surprising how easily the closet monster can damage these seemingly durable pieces of equipment. It only takes a few minutes to put these items together to make sure they are functioning properly.

Another worthwhile activity in preparing for the winter ahead is taking an avalanche education class. We are adding classes to our calendar almost daily. Check out our [Education Calendar](#) for an updated list of classes being taught around southwest Montana.

We hope to see you at this year's 17th Annual Powder Blast. Information and a link to buy tickets are below. It's limited to 250 people and we will likely sell out.

In the coming weeks we will keep you posted on snow, avalanche classes and other related information.

We hope to see you this winter,

Doug, Eric and Alex

POWDERBLAST: Friday, 23 October

Tickets: <https://ticketriver.com/event/16683>

[**Grizzly Outfitters**](#) is title sponsor of this year's 17th annual Powder Blast.

Mystery Ranch, Community Food Coop, Spark R&D and Spark1 are other key supporters. Join us for the best fundraiser of the year! All proceeds benefit the **Friends of the Avalanche Center** which supports avalanche awareness, education and information throughout southwest Montana.

Your \$30 donation gets you an unforgettable evening at the Emerson Cultural Center.

Beer from **Lone Peak Brewery & Katabatic Brewing Co.**

Wine from Montana Ale works

Dinner by **Bountiful Table**

Music by: **DJ Miscellaneous**

And the best silent auction of outdoor gear in the valley!

Snowpack and Avalanche Discussion